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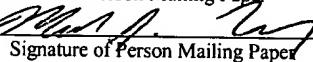
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002. Please enter the following remarks:

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please enter the proposed amended figure 22. A marked up version and a clean amended version are submitted herewith.

In the Claims

Please **cancel** claims 14 and 15 without prejudice.

Please **replace** claims 2, 3, and 4, with amended claims 2, 3, and 4 as follows:

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said target RNA comprises a rRNA.

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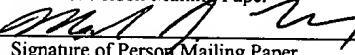
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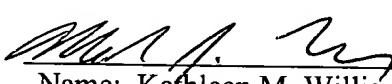
Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed March 13, 2002;
2. Clean and Marked-up versions of proposed amended Figure 22;
3. Petition for two months' Extension of Time;
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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 22620/1222. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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